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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ASYLUM REQUEST BY SOVIET NATIONAL

REF: STATE 118456

1. JAPANESE VERNACULAR NEWSPAPERS AND TV CARRIED STORIES MORNING THURSDAY JUNE 7 ON DISAPPEARANCE OF REDKIN. STORIES SAID SOVIET CONGEN OSAKA HAD SOUGHT ASSISTANCE OF JAPANESE POLICE IN LOCATING HIM, AND THAT REDKIN WAS SEEKING ASYLUM IN U.S.

ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, EMBASSY (STARTING FROM 1000 JUNE 7) RESPONDED WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QTE BORIS PETROVICH REDKIN, AGE 36, A PROFESSOR FROM THE SOVIET UNION TEACHING AT THE OSAKA UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES, HAS ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES. THE REQUEST IS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON. UNQTE.

3. AT 1030 JUNE 7, SOVIET EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES CALLED AT FONOFF AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING REDKIN. FONOFF CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD SOUGHT PROTECTION OF JAPANESE POLICE WITH INTENTION OF ASKING ASYLUM IN THIRD COUNTRY.

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SOV REPS ASKED FOR MEETING WITH REDKIN, TO WHICH FONOFF

REPLIED IT WOULD ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE. SUBSEQUENTLY, FONOFF HAS RESPONDED TO PRESS INQUIRIES WITH STATEMENT THAT REDKIN ASKED JAPANESE POLICE FOR PROTECTION WITH INTENTION OF SEEKING ASYLUM IN THIRD COUNTRY, AND THAT MATTER IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY ASKED FONOFF TO DELAY ANY MEETING BETWEEN REDKIN AND SOV REPS, AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL PARA 3. IN TELECON WITH EMBASSY AFTER MEETING WITH SOV REPS, FONOFF INDICATED ITS REPLY TO SOV REQUEST HAD BEEN CALCULATED TO STALL, AND ASKED WHEN EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT REDKIN IN U.S. SHOESMITH

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